

Thursday, February 29, 1996

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1399–S1475*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1580–1584, and S. Res. 228–230. **Page S1455**

**Measures Passed:**

*Condemning Terror Attacks in Israel:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 228, condemning terror attacks in Israel. **Pages S1470–71**

*Commemorating Black History Month:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 229, commemorating Black History Month and the contributions of African-American U.S. Senators. **Pages S1471–74**

*Heroism By Black Americans:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 230, to urge the President to announce at the earliest opportunity the results of the Senior Army Decorations Board which reviewed certain cases of gallantry and heroism by black Americans during World War II. **Pages S1474–75**

**D.C. Appropriations—Conference Report:** Senate resumed consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2546, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996. **Pages S1403–07**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 21), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on the conference report. **Pages S1406–07**

A third motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, March 5, 1996. **Page S1407**

**Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act Conference Report—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the conference report on H.R. 927,

to seek international sanctions against the Castro Government in Cuba, and to plan for support of a transition government leading to a democratically elected government in Cuba, on Tuesday, March 5, 1996, with a vote to occur thereon. **Page S1468**

**Removal of Injunction of Secrecy:** The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Investment Treaty with Uzbekistan. (Treaty Doc. No. 104–25).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate on Wednesday, February 28, 1996, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Pages S1469–70**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations: Barry R. McCaffrey, of Washington, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy.

19 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

4 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total–21) **Page S1407**

**Recess:** Senate convened at 11 a.m., and recessed at 7:57 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Monday, March 4, 1996, for a pro forma session.

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REFORM

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings to review the status of recommendations made by the National Academy of Public Administration on reforming the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Frederic James Hansen, Deputy Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Genevieve Matanowski, Chair, Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Board; Mary Gade, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Springfield; Charles Williams, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, St. Paul; and William D. Ruckelshaus, Browning-Ferris Industries, former Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Timothy Mohin, Intel Corporation, and Randy Farmer, Amoco, all of Washington, D.C.

### GOVERNORS PROPOSAL ON WELFARE AND MEDICAID

*Committee on Finance:* Committee continued hearings on the bipartisan National Governors' Association proposals to reform the Federal Medicaid and welfare programs, receiving testimony from Robert B. Carleson, former U.S. Commissioner of Welfare, Arlington, Virginia; Sheldon Danziger, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; Fred Kammer, Catholic Charities USA, Alexandria, Virginia; Heidi H. Stirrup, Christian Coalition, and Robert D. Reischauer, The Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.; John C. Goodman, National Center for Policy Analysis, Dallas, Texas; Louis F. Rossiter, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond; and James R. Tallon, Jr., Kaiser Commission on the Future of Medicaid, New York, New York.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nomination of Barry R. McCaffrey, of Washington, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy;

H.R. 782, to allow members of employee associations to represent their views before the United States Government, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. Res. 219, designating March 25, 1996 as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy".

Also, committee began consideration of S. 269, to increase control over immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigator personnel, improving the verification system for employer sanctions, increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, reforming asylum, exclusion, and deportation law and procedures, instituting a land border user fee, and to reduce use of welfare by aliens, and S. 1394, to reform the legal immigration of immigrants and nonimmigrants to the United States, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, March 7.

### SECRETARY OF SENATE/SGT AT ARMS/ARCHITECT OPERATIONS

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee held hearings to review the fiscal year 1997 budget and operations of the Secretary of the Senate, Senate Sergeant at Arms, and Architect of the Capitol, and on the establishment of a criteria for the selection of a new Architect of the Capitol, receiving testimony from Kelly D. Johnston, Secretary of the Senate; Howard O. Greene, Jr., Senate Sergeant at Arms; William L. Ensign, Acting Architect of the Capitol; Paul S. Rundquist, Specialist in Congressional Organization and Operations, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and Raj Barr-Kumar, Raj Barr-Kumar Architects Engineers, on behalf of the American Institute of Architects, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, March 6.